THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

DW 17-165

ABENAKI WATER COMPANY, INC. ROSEBROOK WATER SYSTEM

Petition for Change in Rates

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER OF NOTICE

On December 7, 2017, Abenaki Water Company, Inc. (Abenaki) filed for a permanent rate increase for its Rosebrook Water System, along with a proposed tariff, effective January 1, 2018. Abenaki indicated that, if the Commission were to suspend that tariff filing, the Company would file for temporary rates. The Commission suspended the tariff and held a prehearing conference on January 25, 2018. *See Abenaki Water Company, Inc.*, Order No. 26,097 (January 5, 2018). On January 18, 2018, Abenaki filed for temporary rates, also effective January 1, 2018. On May 30, 2018, Staff of the Public Utilities Commission filed a proposed Settlement Agreement between itself and Abenaki. The Commission held a hearing on the Settlement Agreement on June 11, 2018. Abenaki's requests for permanent and temporary rates, and related docket filings, other than any information for which confidential treatment is requested of or granted by the Commission, are posted on the Commission's website at http://www.puc.nh.gov/Regulatory/Docketbk/2017/17-165.html.

In the temporary rate filing, Abenaki proposed a temporary rate increase to its annual operating revenues from \$270,092 to \$335,544. This is an increase of \$65,452, or 24.23 percent. The Company requested an effective date of January 1, 2018. The Settlement Agreement proposes a temporary rate increase in annual revenues of \$41,145, or 14.89 percent, effective February 1, 2018.

The temporary rate filing and the Settlement Agreement raise issues relating to, <u>inter alia</u>, RSA 378:27 and warrant further investigation. Each party has the right to have an attorney represent the party at the party's own expense.

Based upon the foregoing, it is hereby

ORDERED, that a Hearing, pursuant to RSA 378:27, be held before the Commission located at 21 S. Fruit Street, Suite 10, Concord, New Hampshire on August 23. 2018 at 2:00 p.m.; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin Rules Puc 203.12, Abenaki Water Company, Inc., shall notify all persons desiring to be heard at this hearing by mailing a copy of this order no later than August 1, 2018, to all current and known prospective customers as well as the Town Clerk of Carroll, New Hampshire, by first class mail, postage prepaid, postmarked no later than August 8, 2018, and documented by affidavit filed with the Commission on or before August 21, 2018; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that pursuant to N.H. Code Admin. Rules Puc 203.17 any party seeking to intervene in the proceeding shall submit to the Commission seven copies of a petition to intervene with copies sent to Abenaki Water Company, Inc. and the Office of the Consumer Advocate on or before August 21, 2018, such petition stating the facts demonstrating how its rights, duties, privileges, immunities or other substantial interests may be affected by this proceeding as required by N.H. Code Admin Rules Puc 203.17; and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, that any party objecting to a petition to intervene make said objection on or before August 23, 2018.

By order of the Public Utilities Commission of New Hampshire this twenty-fourth day of July, 2018.

Debra A. Howland Executive Director

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